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Sir:

The official filing receipt received in the above-identified application erroneously lists the "Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant" section as having an inconsistency with PTO records, which is indicated by asterisks.

A review of the file of the instant application uncovered the fact that a clerical error had been made by Applicants at the time of filing in the Application Data Sheet under the Continuity Information and in the Preliminary Amendment. The parent application should read: Application No. 10/342,872, not Application No. 10/342,372. It is further noted that the filing receipt for the instant application lists the filing date for the parent incorrectly. The correct filing date should read: 01/15/2003. Applicants believe that the error on the Data Sheet and the Preliminary Amendment caused the inconsistency.

Please issue a corrected filing receipt deleting the line "(*) Data inconsistent with PTO records" and making the needed changes as listed below:

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which is a CON of 09/186,223 11/04/1998 ABN
which claims benefit of 60/108,160 12/05/1997 ABN --

A copy of the filing receipt with the correction noted is enclosed.

A new corrected Application Data Sheet and Preliminary Amendment amending the Specification are enclosed herewith, which Applicants request be made of record.

In connection with the correction, it is respectfully requested that the above-identified application be deleted in the "Child Continuity data" of Application No. 10/342,372 to which the instant application is not related.

Please also note that the parent application was examined in Art Unit 1628, Art Unit 1613 is indicated on the present Filing Receipt of the instant application, and it is respectfully requested that the application be directed to the appropriate Art Unit.

Applicants believe the above-noted error is ascribable to Applicants. Accordingly, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$25 fee under 37 CFR §1.19(h) and any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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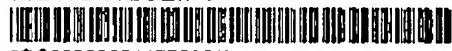
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